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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sita S Pappu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-23 are pending in the instant application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-10, 14-15, 21, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, vector and host cell, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1.
- II. Claims 11-12, 16, 20, 23, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, a method for identifying a binding partner which binds to a polypeptide using a test compound, and a product, classified in class 530, subclass 300+.
- III. Claims 13, drawn to an antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1+.
- IV. Claims 17, 18, drawn to gene therapy for treating a medical condition and a method of diagnosing a pathological condition, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- V. Claims 17, 19, 22, drawn to protein therapy for treating a medical condition and a method of diagnosing a pathological condition, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

make another group

Claim 17 embraces the Inventions of Groups IV and V. Should one of these Groups be elected, claim 17 will be examined to the extent it encompasses the elected subject matter.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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Invention I is directed to a nucleic acid, vector, host cell and a method of producing the protein while Invention II is directed to an isolated polypeptide, and, thus, are distinct from each other. Peptides and nucleic acids are substantially different in terms of structural, chemical, physical and biological properties, are made using substantially different techniques and can be used for substantially different purposes. It is particularly noted that the nucleic acid is not required for the production of the peptide as peptides can be synthesized or purified from cells.

Invention III is directed to an antibody and involves methods and protocols that are materially different from Inventions I and II. Further, nucleic acids, proteins and antibodies exhibit different structure and properties.

Invention IV and V are directed to gene therapy and protein therapy respectively and involve methods that are materially different from each other and from those of Inventions I-III. Inventions IV and V differ from each other in that proteins and nucleic acids, which are the starting materials of Inventions IV and V, are substantially different in terms of structural, chemical, physical and biological properties, and are made using substantially different techniques. Further, the dosages, modes and frequency of administrations and their compositions are different.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sita S Pappu whose telephone number is (703) 305-5039. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Clark, can be reached on (703) 305 4051. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application is assigned are (703) 746 7442 for regular communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist at (703) 305-2758.

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